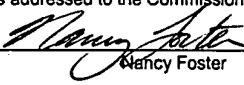


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AMENDMENT

Applicants now respond to the Office Action dated September 23, 2002. The period for reply has been extended by the Petition for One Month Extension of Time and Fee Payment filed Concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, and 40. Please amend claims 1 and 4-9 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for the large scale preparation of a compound of formula II

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